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SUBJECT: A GDR VIEW OF NEWS TRANSMISSION

1. THE WEST GERMAN TRADE NEWSLETTER FUNK KORRESPONDENZ REPORTS IN A RECENT ISSUE THE DISTRIBUTION IN EAST BERLIN OF A BROCHURE ENTITLED "GDR SAFEGUARDS PEACEFUL BERLIN TRANSIT." THE NEWSLETTER DESCRIBES THE PUBLICATION AS THE WORK OF GUNTER GORNER, AND ADDS THAT AN ABBREVIATED VERSION IS ALSO APPEARING IN GERMAN FOREIGN POLICY, MOUTHPIECE FOR THE GDR FOREIGN MINISTRY.

2. IMPLICIT IN THE NEWSLETTER VERSION IS THE SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF THE GDR TO REGULATE NEWS MATERIAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS WHICH TRANSIT THE GDR, WHENEVER SUCH TRANSMISSIONS ARE DEEMED TO CONSTITUTE A THREAT TO THE SECURITY OF THE GDR OR DAMAGE (SCHADIGUNG) TO A THIRD STATE.

3. AN EXTENSION OF THIS REASONING COULD CONCEIVABLY RENDER ANY COMMENT BY A NEWSPAPER OR RADIO STATION BASED ON WIRE  
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SERVICES TRANSITING EAST GERMANY OBJECTIONABLE TO THE GDR--

IF IT INTERPRETED SUCH COMMENT AN EMBARRASSMENT, FOR EXAMPLE,  
TO THE SOVIET UNION. INDED, THE FOLLOWING QUOTE, WHICH  
FUNK KORRESPONDENZ CITED AS COMING FROM PAGE 69 OF THE  
BROCHURE, MAKES THIS POINT CLEARLY--

"IT MUST BE REGRETFULLY NOTED THAT THE BROADCAST AND  
TELECOMMUNICATION SOVEREIGHTY OF THE GDR IS BEING  
DISREGARED WHEN NEWS ITEMS ARE MOVED BETWEEN WEST  
GERMANY AND WEST BERLIN, AND VICE VERSA, WHICH DO NOT  
ONLY ENDANGER THE SECURITY OF THE GDR BUT ARE ALSO  
DIRECTED AGAINST THE PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE OF PEOPLE  
AS A WHOLE. FOR EXAMPLE, THERE ARE TV PROGRAMS  
BEING MOVED ON THE MICROWAVE LINKS BETWEEN WEST  
GERMANY AND WEST BERLIN WHICH CONTAIN REVENGE-SEEKING  
INCITEMENTS."

4. THIS CONCEPT MAY BE OF INTEREST TO ADDRESSEES IN VIEW  
OF FORTHCOMING FREQUENCY CONFERENCE. ROSINUS

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